

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 2004, in the above-identified application. Claims 1-7, 10-22 and 24-34 were pending in the application. Claims 2-7, 10-22 and 24-33 were allowed. Claims 1 and 34-35 were rejected. With this amendment, claim 1 is amended and the remaining claims are unchanged in the application.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Specifically, claim 1 was rejected because the recitation "an electronic controller ... being spaced apart from the electronic controller" and "electronic controller being control computer to an attachment" was unclear. With this amendment, claim 1 is amended to make clear the particular recitations identified in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is now clear and allowable under Section 112.

Claims 1 and 34-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Loraas, U.S. Patent No. 5,957,213. Applicants submit that the claims clarified in response to the rejection under section 112, above, are patentably distinguishable from Loraas. For example, Loraas does not teach or suggest an electronic controller being spaced apart from the control computer, as argued in the previous amendment filed October 27, 2003. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that no new issues are raised with the response to the prior art rejection and respectfully request consideration of this amendment after final rejection.

Claims 34 and 35 depend from claim 1. Applicants submit that by virtue of their dependency from a patentable independent claim, claims 34 and 35 are patentable also. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 34-35 are respectfully requested.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the case is in allowable form. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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